



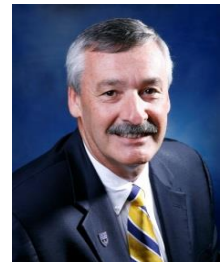
KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE BOARD NOTES

(NOTE: The agenda and materials for all Kentucky Board of Education meetings can be found on the board's online materials site at: <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>. Also, a recording of the June 4 session can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/KBE/meet/Pages/default.aspx>.)

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER L. MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



Several instances of the Kentucky Board of Education supporting flexibility for local school districts could be seen as part of the June 4 meeting. First, approval of a compromise approach on the implementation timeline for the World Language Program Review offers more time for elementary and middle schools to develop quality world language/global competency programs. It helps to relieve pressure at these levels while moving ahead with this critically needed program at the high school level because as former board chair David Karem said, "We can't delay any longer. It's time to move forward. It is imperative that our students not only know how to speak another language but also understand various cultures."

Second, the board's vote to support the commissioner's plan to have teachers implement the new science standards this year and to wait and develop a new state science test aligned to the standards for elementary and middle school after the 2014-15 school year will allow teachers to concentrate on teaching the standards before being held accountable for them.

Finally, the board was supportive of the plan for textbook flexibility where districts will be allowed to spend Instructional Resources Funds on instructional resources for any subject area they deem necessary to meet the needs of their district instructional plans. This process will be in place through June 30, 2016, and allow the department time to look at whether permanent changes should be made in the textbook adoption process.

I emphasize these examples of flexibility to let local district administrators and teachers know that while the Kentucky Board of Education is committed to moving forward with reform and improvements to our education system, we are cognizant of what is being asked of educators and tempering our decisions with reason. The board knows there is a learning curve for new skills and

knowledge that comes with these needed improvements and we appreciate the hard work that is occurring in the field to benefit the students of our state.

BOARD APPROVES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAM REVIEW

At its June 4 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a proposal from Commissioner Terry Holliday to move forward with the implementation of the World Language Program Review at the high school level in 2014-15 with accountability occurring in 2015-16. However, elementary and middle schools would begin planning for implementation of a world language and global competency program in 2014-15, implement the program through a statewide pilot in 2015-16 and be held accountable in 2016-17.

Commissioner Holliday also announced the roll-out of \$200,000 in grants for which schools and districts will be able to apply to support the development of a world-class, model global competency program at the elementary and middle school levels. The Kentucky Department of Education will be issuing more information on this grant process soon.

For more information on this topic, contact Dr. Amanda Ellis at 502-564-9850, ext. 4151 or e-mail her at Amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov.

BOARD SUPPORTS COMMISSIONER'S PLAN ON SCIENCE TESTING

In a show of support for Commissioner Terry Holliday's direction for science testing, the Kentucky Board of Education endorsed his plan to move ahead with teaching the new Next Generation Science Standards in 2014-15, K-12, and develop a new test to align to these standards for elementary and middle school after the 2014-15 school year. Science will still be assessed through EXPLORE (8th grade), PLAN (10th grade), ACT (11th grade) and high school end-of-course tests.

Once the new test is built to match the new science standards, science testing through the state test in elementary and middle schools will resume. By implementing this plan, teachers will receive a clear message to teach the new science standards immediately and Kentucky will be able to repurpose dollars to support the development of the new science test.

For more information on this topic, contact Dr. Amanda Ellis at 502-564-9850, ext. 4151 or via e-mail at Amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov.

HIGGINBOTHAM AND SHIRKNESS RECEIVE JOSEPH W. KELLY AWARD

Two individuals received the Joseph W. Kelly Award, which recognizes business people who have offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equity of educational opportunity for Kentucky's students. Darrell Higginbotham and Mark Shirkness were this year's recipients. Higginbotham is president of Independence Bank in Owensboro and Shirkness is the general manager of General Electric Appliances Distribution Services in Louisville.

For more details, see the press release [here](#). Contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov if you have questions.

BOARD ELECTS NEW VICE CHAIR

By a unanimous vote, Jay Parrent of Princeton was elected by the state board as its new vice chair. The need for a new vice chair was created when Brigitte Ramsey of Falmouth resigned from the board to take a position with the Prichard Committee.

For more information on this topic, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the April 8-9, 2014, Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting
- Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370, Professional Growth and Effectiveness System
- 2013 Report, 2013 Exceptions and 2015 Plan as required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members
- Appointment of Cynthia Houston and Vasco Perry to the State Textbook Commission
- Appointment of Wesley Cooper to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee
- Certification of All Submitted Non-Public Schools
- 2014-15 Preschool Funding Rates
- Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures
- Metcalfe County Request to Waive Sections 4(4) and 5(2) of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction
- New District Facility Plans for Butler, Metcalfe, Nelson and Shelby Counties and Owensboro Independent
- District Facility Plan Amendment for Henderson County School District
- Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 1:115, Section 2(2)(b) for Districts Receiving Training from Non-KSBA Providers
- KETS FY2015 Unmet Need for LEAs
- KETS FY2015 Expenditure Plan
- School District Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2014-15
- 2015 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- Travel of Jay Parrent to the CCSSO/NTEP Policymakers Summit on June 11-12 (costs paid for by CCSSO)

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Strategic Plan Update
- The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky Update
- Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update
- Hearing Officer's Report
- Status Update on Districts in State Assistance
- Status Update on the Breathitt County School District
- 703 KAR 5:250, Intervention Options in Priority Schools & Districts (1st Reading) & 703 KAR 5:121, Repeal of 703 KAR 5:120, Assistance to Schools; Guidelines For Scholastic Audit & 5:180 Intervention System for Persistently Low-Achieving Schools

- Textbook Flexibility
- 702 KAR 7:140, School Calendars (First Reading)
- 702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services (First Reading)
- KDE Employment Reports (Both for CTE and all KDE Offices)

KBE MEETING DATES

KBE Meeting Dates for 2014

August 6-7, 2014	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 7, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 3, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2015

February 4, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 1, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 3, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2015	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 6, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on meeting dates, contact Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141, Ext. 4805 or via e-mail at susan.palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 4, 2014, study session and regular meeting, conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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